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We offer no apologies for having taken so much space in this week's issue in the publication of Judge Wm. Her-ring's opinion on the quarantine law. The argument is able and convincing, and will be read with interest through-out the Territory.

The illustrious George Washington Swain, Esq., comes to the rescue of his friend and relative, James J. Nash, and says if he is called on professionally in Nash's interest, "the public will be ap-prised of the true inwardness of the sub-ject matter which called into requisition his services, let the consequences fall upon whom 'it may.' If this means any-thing, it means that if Mr. Jacobs pro-secutes the extortion case against Nash, Swain will expose him. It's the same old blackmailing scheme in a new shape.

Those who were present at the show presentation exercises in Tucson this week, speak in high terms of the affair. The programme was carried out in good style. The address of Judge Barnes was eloquent as well as flowery, and the reply of General Miles was modest, as becomes a great soldier. The Indian policy outlined in his remarks meets with the approval of a large majority of the people of Arizona. General Miles will always retain a warm place in the hearts of our citizens, he being almost the first officer commanding the depart-ment who has taken the part of the white man as against the Indian.

It may be that the editor of the EPI-TAPH robbed stages in his youth and has been frequently "how come you so" in his mature age. We will admit for the sake of closing the argument on that point, that it is true. But what has that to do with the fact that on Friday eve-ning, October 29, 1887, James J. Nash extorted from Mr. A. E. Jacobs a check for the sum of one hundred dollars under threats of publishing a certain libelous article in the Daily Prospector which would place Mr. Jacobs in a ridiculous light before the community. The law makes such an offense a felony, and sub-jects the offender to a punishment of five years in the penitentiary. If the grand jury, which meets in this city next Monday, does not investigate these charges, it will fail in doing its duty.

General Sparks may not be aware of the fact that in his efforts to defeat the interests of the desert land laws, he is working in the interest of large cattle corporations, who are using these lands for grazing, and are opposed to their reclamation for agricultural purposes. If Mr. Sparks' idea of the desert land law is enforced, it will be simply impossible to reclaim any of the desert lands in Ari-zona. It might be well for the president to have the commissioner of the land office visit Arizona and New Mexico and see for himself what the real conditions are. He would learn many interesting facts from observation that would sur-prise him. Mr. Sparks evidently doesn't know that his rulings and instructions on the desert land business is defeating the very result he is striving for, but such is the fact.—Star.

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TOMBSTONE, Nov. 7, 1887.
EDITOR EPITAPH:—Allow me to in-form you that in my opinion I consider you have made a great mistake in ex-posing the Prospector as the blackmail-ing sheet which it confesses itself to be. The result proves it. While some of the decent patrons of the paper have withdrawn their support, the majority still appear to stand by it, plainly show-ing that it is exactly the style of news-paper which the Tombstone public de-sires. If this were not so, the concern could not last a week. This is a sad commentary on the decency of Tomb-stone, but it is a fact nevertheless.

AN OLD TIMER.

Our correspondent is too harsh upon Tombstone. It is true our town is cursed with its full quota of undesirable inhabitants, but a large majority of the people are honorable, upright and gen-erous.

ANCIENT DAMS.

From a paper read by Mr. David Gravell, before the Society of Civil and Mechanical Engineers, and published in the London Engineer, we find some ac-count of ancient dams. The author says the statement of Herodotus about the res-ervoir of Moere's, built to control the water of the Nile, and that of Nebuchad-nezzar at Sippara, 140 miles in circum-ference, should be taken with some grains of allowance. But there is no ques-tion as to the existence in the East at the present day, and especially in India and Ceylon, of the remains of what may be correctly termed stupendous works; and the date of the construction of which, as regards India, is in many cases prehis-toric. In Spain also the Moors, whose occupation of the Peninsula terminated in the thirteenth century, have left dams

of great magnitude, situated mostly in the Southeastern provinces of Murcia and Alicante, and many of which are still serviceable.

In India and Ceylon the greater num-ber of the ancient dams or bunds are now in ruins, and this can occasion but little surprise, considering the meteoro-logical condition of these countries. In Ceylon for instance, the rainfall of the year occurs within a period of six to eight weeks, and often amounts to as much as 12 in. in the twenty-four hours, and has been known comparatively recently, to reach nearly 19 in. the latter an amount only 2 in. or 3 in. less than the average rainfall of Lincolnshire for the whole year. In London is only 25 in., and in the wettest district in Great Britain, viz. Cumberland, averages not more than 70 in. per annum, and throughout India may be taken as from 50 in. to 130 in., varying, as is the general rule, in direct ratio with the altitude, and limited to a few weeks in the year. Notwithstanding this, there still exists in the Madras Pres-idency a not inconsiderable number of ancient bunds, which serve their intend-ed purpose at the present day as well as ever. Slight mistakes did occasionally occur, as they ever will till no more dams are wanted, as is proved by the remains of some works in Ceylon, where the failure was evidently due to error, possibly due to the instruments being out of ad-justment, as their base is at a higher level than the bed of the stream at the point where water from the latter was to be devoted to afford the supply.

Among the most remarkable of these ancient works is the Horra-Bera tank, the bund of which is between three and four miles in length and from fifty feet to seventy feet in height, and although now in ruins, would formerly impound a reservoir lake of from eight to ten miles long and three or four miles broad. There is also the K. I. Wava tank, with a bund of twelve miles in length, which would, if perfect, create a lake of forty miles in circumference. Both of these ruined works are situated in Ceylon.

The third embankment of a similar character is that of the Cumnum tank, situated in the Madras Presidency, and which although ranking amongst the earli-est works of Hindoo history, is still in a condition as to fulfill its original inten-tion. The area of the reservoir is about fifteen square miles, the dam 102 ft. high with a breadth at the crest of 76 ft. The bywash is cut into the solid rock alto-gether clear of the dam; the outlet cul-verts, however, are carried under the bank.

JUST WHAT HE WANTED.

[From the Mining and Industrial Advocate.]
Ex-Senator Tom Wand gets this off: "I met an old ship captain the other day, a very intelligent man, but as green about mining matters as a farmer's boy would be on a ship. Said he: "You are in the mining business, I be-lieve, and I want some information." "All right, captain, proceed," I answer-ed. Said he: "Some acquaintances of mine are own-ers of an enormously rich mine, and hav-ing some loose money, I am thinking of investing." "What's the name and where situated," I asked. "They call it the 'Amalgamated Oma-ha,' and it's only two or three miles from Allison's Grass Valley ranch, in Nev-a-da county. Do you know anything about it?"

"Well," said I, "Captain, I'm pretty well posted, but I don't think I know anything about that particular mine, and am inclined to think that they are fooling you in the name. There is a celebrated mine somewhere in that region called the 'Segregated Wild Cat, No. 1001,' and that must be the one they are trying to get you into."

"A-ha," said he, "I've heard of that Wild Cat mine before, and I'll investigate and see if they are trying to get me in the wrong mine. Wild Cat—yes, that's the name, and if I invest at all it's the very mine I want to get into."

"Much obliged. I'll do as much for you sometime."

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A. J. RITTER.

NOTICE.

To the delinquent members of Rescue Hose Company No. 1.
All members in arrears are hereby notified that on the 10th of November next, a list of members exempt from jury duty must be filed with the Clerk of the District Court. At that time all members who are in arrears will be stricken from the roll of the company.

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THE ELECTIONS.

New York, Nov. 9.—The George vote fell off nearly 10,000 in the city.

The total estimated plurality of Cook over Grant in New York State is about 15,000.

Republicans explain their local defeat by saying, Republicans who went for George last year, have stood by him, while Democrats have gone back to their party. The com-plete vote for District Attorney is: Nichols, 73,004; Fellows, 93,906; Post, 30,602.

The latest says: Grant was defeated by Prohibitionists. A big gain for the Republi-cans in the State, however. Fellows was elected by 20,000 plurality over Nichol for District Attorney.

BROOKLYN, Nov. 9.—Republicans elect two Senators, the Democrats one. Chapin, Democrat, is elected Mayor. Republicans elected the Sheriff and one Assemblyman.

The Tribune says: In the light of yester-day's voting it must be said that the country re-affirms its verdict against President Cleve-land and party. We see no reason for Re-publican dismay in this result. The Demo-crats have won by the most tremendous ex-ertions.

The World says: The result of the election in this State settles three points as thoroughly as any political event can be settled in ad-vance. President Cleveland will be re-nom-inated by his party, Blaine will not be re-nom-inated by the Republicans. George will not control the election next year. New York is the pivotal State. Cleveland's friends have had a complete triumph. It seems that Gor-man's Republican vote very largely came over to the Democratic side, and with an increased Prohibition vote, much more than made up the disaffection caused by the labor move-ment.

Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.—Foraker is elected Governor of Ohio by a plurality of 23,000. Further returns may change the figures, but Foraker is undoubtedly elected. Both houses Republican.

Incomplete footings indicate a Republican plurality of 10,000 in Hamilton county.

Iowa.

DES MOINES, Nov. 9.—Iowa has gone Re-publican by about 10,000 majority.

Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Nov. 9.—Returns from all cities and towns in the State show Ames, Republi-can, 135,912; Lovering, Democrat, 118,311; Earle, Prohibitionist, 10,097; Marks, Labor, 848. Ames' plurality is 17,611, against 9,437 last year.

Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov.—Estimates from all counties in Pennsylvania show a plurality of 34,000 for Hart, Republican, for State Treas-urer, a Democratic gain of about 10,000.

New Jersey.

TRENTON, Nov. 9.—Corrected returns show that the next legislature will stand: Senate, Republicans, 12; Democrats, 9; House, Republicans, 87; Democrats, 23.

Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 9.—Jackson, Demo-cratic candidate for Governor, has about 10,000 majority, and White, Attorney Gen-eral, the same. The legislature is Demo-cratic in both branches.

Nebraska.

OMAHA, Nov. 9.—The Bee says: The Re-publican State ticket, composed of one candi-date for Supreme court and two candidates for Regents of the State University, have been elected by over 20,000 majority.

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COCHISE COUNTY.

While the praises of other sections of the great West are being sung through-out the land, it is fitting and proper that the advantages of Cochise county, in the southeast corner of Arizona, should also be heralded. Embracing a territory 69 by 84 miles in extent, it contains an area nearly as large as the States of Connecti-cut and Rhode Island combined. In topography it may be described as an el-evated plateau, with a general average of nearly 5000 feet above the level of the sea. Three broken mountain ranges run north and south through the county, with the San Pedro, Sulphur Spring and San Simon valleys, which comprise much the larger part of the county, also extending from the northern to the southern bound-ary. The mountains are heavily tim-bered, and the valleys are covered with the most nutritious grasses, affording feed for countless herds of cattle and horses the year round. Throughout the entire length of the San Pedro valley the river bearing that name flows continu-ally, and much good agricultural land can there be found. In the Sulphur Spring and San Simon valleys the water does not flow upon the surface except during the rainy season, but they contain an im-mense underground flow, as evidenced by numerous wells, some of which are arte-sian in character. Living water pours out of many of the mountain canyons, which, if properly stored, would bring under cultivation thousands of acres of magnificent fruit and vine lands. Little or nothing can be grown without irriga-tion. At present stock-raising and mining are the principal industries, although ag-riculture and horticulture offer great op-portunities. Naturally, the country is not as bleak and barren as Southern California. A comparatively small por-tion of the county has been surveyed, and but little land has been entered. Land is plentiful, but developed water is scarce, and one without the other is use-less. Storage reservoirs and artesian wells are all our magnificent county lacks. The climate is perfection, the mercury seldom rising above 100 degrees in summer, and rarely falling below 30 above zero in winter. This is owing to the altitude, which in addition causes a light, dry, exhilarating atmosphere. The rainy season commences in July and lasts up to October, and is as regular as the other seasons. The rainfall the present year has been 25 1/2 inches by actual measurement, producing a wonderful growth of native grass over the entire county. Cattle are fat, and the ranchmen prosperous and happy.

The county is well supplied with rail-roads, the Southern Pacific running nearly 100 miles within its borders east and west, and the New Mexico and Arizona road, belonging to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe system, from Benson to the gulf of California. It is only a question of a short time until the Sonora road is connected with the main Santa Feline, when our county will be the only one in the Territory enjoying competi-tion between the two great continental roads. This will be an advantage that can hardly be estimated. Tombstone, the county seat, is reached by leaving the Southern Pacific at Benson, going south on the Sonora railroad seventeen miles to Fairbank, and thence by Concord coach, drawn by six fine horses, nine miles over a smooth road. It is a com-fortable ride, and would furnish a pleas-ing variation for a monotonous overland trip. Here we have a handsome little city, good hotels and restaurants, a pro-gressive, wide-awake people, and the best silver mines in the world. Lawless-ness is a thing of the past, and person and property have no better protection anywhere in the United States. Stop and see us on your way across the continent, and you will not regret your visit.

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